(b) if so, which are the States to which the amount was released and have not fully forwarded the utilisation certificates;

(c) whether the Ministry has stated that there is no provision to ensure that funds were returned to the Centre if State Government failed to utilize them;

(d) whether all the States who were affected by drought have submitted their utilisation certificates to the Centre; and

(e) if not how many have not so far done so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Under the Food for Work Programme (FFWP), only foodgrains was provided free of cost and no cash component was released by the Central Government to any of the drought affected States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The next instalment of foodgrains under the erstwhile Food for Work Programme (FFWP) was released on receipt of lifting/ utilization certificate from the drought affected States. All the States have submitted their lifting/utilization certificate for foodgrains except Bihar.

Review of schemes

1525. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review all the developmental schemes that have been undertaken or initiated from Rural Development Ministry such as SGRY, SGSY, IAY, PMGSY etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States that have diverted or not utilised funds under the above schemes for the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The

Ministry of Rural Development reviews the implementation of all its Schemes, including Sampoorna Gramin RozgarYojana (SGRY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) through meetings of Performance Review Committee constituted for the purpose and through progress reports. The reviews of the programmes revealed that the progress of the implementation of the schemes vary from State to State. There is also need for continuous review of the programmes at periodic intervals in order to ensure that the benefits of the programmes reach the target groups and also to make-mid-course corrections, if any needed.

(c) Although some cases of diversion of funds in certain States have been reported, such cases have been sent to the concerned State Governments for ascertaining facts and corrective actions, wherever needed. In all the States, some amount of rural development funds remained unutilised during the last five years. However, unspent balances, upto a certain extent, are permissible under the guidelines of various schmes.

PMGSY in Assam

1526. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:
SHRIKARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages connected with the district headquarters during the last three years in the State of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to connect all villages of Assam with the main roads of cities during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The State Government have reported that 562 habitation have been connected with District Headquarters under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) so far.